

TO THE SPIRIT OF LEEF.

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Gentle Sleep! Nature's soft muse,  
How have I frightened thee, that thou no more  
Wilt give me thy eyes down,  
And leave me to the darkness of night?  
[Sings.]  
Spirit that hidest beneath thy brooding wing  
The many-mooded and the many-voiced  
In Man's harsh path by day—  
Thou who didst fold Earth's tired ones to thy breast,  
And on their heavy eyelids' soft repose,  
Chasing their cares away—  
Thou whose sweet ministry of the silent world,  
Is felt—when'er thy pinion is unfurled—  
O unseen spirit! say  
By what enchanted spell—what magic sign,  
I too may hope to make thy blessings mine?

Spirit of universal Nature's rest,  
Refreshment of the frame by thy oppression,  
Or lingering illness bow'd—  
Sweet influence that is ever, ever good—  
Both for the restless mind and languid mood—  
For th' hopes and fears which crowd  
Into one little life—and through the day  
Prompt us to rise or struggle as we may—  
How shall the weary-bow'd,  
And weary-hearted win thy bland caress,  
O thou that hast such holy power to bless?

Spirit! I seek thee in the solemn night,  
Through the long watches, till the morning light,  
I seek thee, but in vain;  
The clear, calm stars and moon-beams on mine shine—  
They bring no calmness to this heart of mine—  
No quiet to this brain;  
But pale and anxious, by sad thoughts oppressed,  
I turn and toss till morn (O welcome guest!)  
Bringeth the light again;  
And then, once more I close my drooping lids,  
But Memory still thy soothing reign forbids.

Spirit, invoked, O vainly! thou hast not  
The power to chase the shadows from my lot;  
The gift is not with thee.  
But one who hath been thine older brother,  
Who, soon or late, all human ills doth smother—  
Will be more kind to me.  
He will not scorn this sinking heart's appeal,  
Which hath no sorrow but his touch can heal.  
Most sure and lastingly!

Spirit—no more thy presence I compel,  
But turn beneath thy shadowy wing to dwell.  
February, 1894.

AN OREGONIAN.—Away out in far Missouri,  
A farmer recently found a man in a buckskin dress,  
Roasting green corn by the road side, in front of  
his mansion, whom he approached and accosted  
with—  
"Good day, my friend. You are making a  
solitary meal?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply, "I guess I am accus-  
tomed to that."  
"Will you not wait in and take something to  
eat with us?"

"No, sir, I thank you; but, he continued with  
the *sang froid* of a Diogenes, "if you will per-  
mit me to replenish my stock of provisions from  
your corn field, I shall be under many obliga-  
tions."

"Certainly. Help yourself. You appear alone,  
and a pedestrian; which way are you from?"  
"From Oregon, sir."

"Indeed! Are you direct from that country?"  
"No, sir," answered the stranger, "I have been  
to the State of Maine, to see my sister."  
"Do you always travel on foot?"

"I do that."  
"And where are you going now?"  
"To Oregon, again, sir."

EDUCATION.—The following brief but beautiful  
passage occurs in a late article in *Frazer's Maga-*  
zine:  
Education does not commence with the alphabet.  
It begins with a mother's look—with a father's nod  
of approbation, or a sign of reproof—with a sister's  
gentle pressure of the hand, or a brother's noble act  
of forbearance—with the hand of flowers in a garden,  
with the dewy meadow—with bird's nests admired, but  
not touched—with creeping ants, and almost imper-  
ceptible emmetts—with humming bees and glass bee-  
hives—with pleasant walks in shady lanes—and  
with thoughts directed, in sweet and kindly tones  
and words, to nature, to beauty, to acts of benevo-  
lence, to deeds of virtue, and to the sense of all  
good, to God himself.

ENGLISH WIVES.—A lady in London, named  
Blyden, has lately been made defendant in an  
action of *ejectment*. The principal count in the  
declaration was for throwing her husband out of  
the window.

NO PEACHES THIS YEAR.—A gentleman as-  
sured us the other day that there would be no peach  
crop this year, in consequence of the recent sec-  
ure cold. He says that whenever the mercury  
sinks to twenty degrees below zero, it invariably  
proves fatal to this tender fruit. [Springfield Gaz.]

A Philadelphian, named Robert Bancroft,  
was arrested in Baltimore on Monday, on a  
charge of selling \$70 worth of leather, belonging  
to his employer, Mr. Charles Miller, and pocket-  
ing the money.

Young Steele, who was knocked down  
and robbed near Mobile, on the 15th inst., was  
still alive at the latest accounts, although delirious  
from his wounds. A reward of \$1,100 has been  
offered for the villain.

RM AND FROST.—Found dead, on the moun-  
tain, between Warren and Lincoln, Vt. frozen to  
death, on the morning of the 12th inst. Zachaeus  
Dow, aged about forty years, with a jug of rum  
by his side.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Feb. 24.			
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